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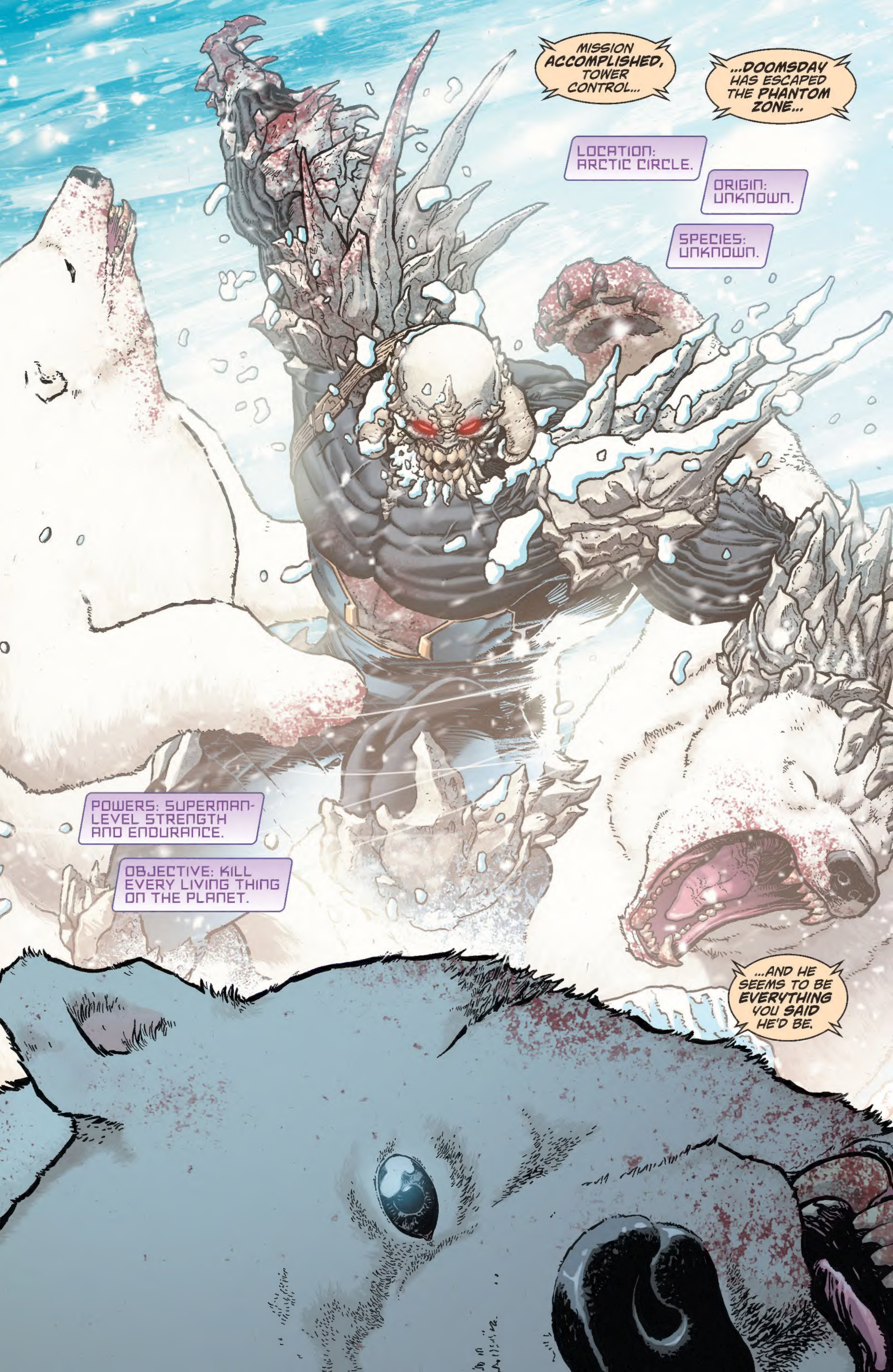
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MISSION  
ACCOMPLISHED,  
TOWER  
CONTROL...

...DOOMSDAY  
HAS ESCAPED  
THE PHANTOM  
ZONE...

LOCATION:  
ARCTIC CIRCLE.

ORIGIN:  
UNKNOWN.

SPECIES:  
UNKNOWN.

POWERS: SUPERMAN-  
LEVEL STRENGTH  
AND ENDURANCE.

OBJECTIVE: KILL  
EVERY LIVING THING  
ON THE PLANET.

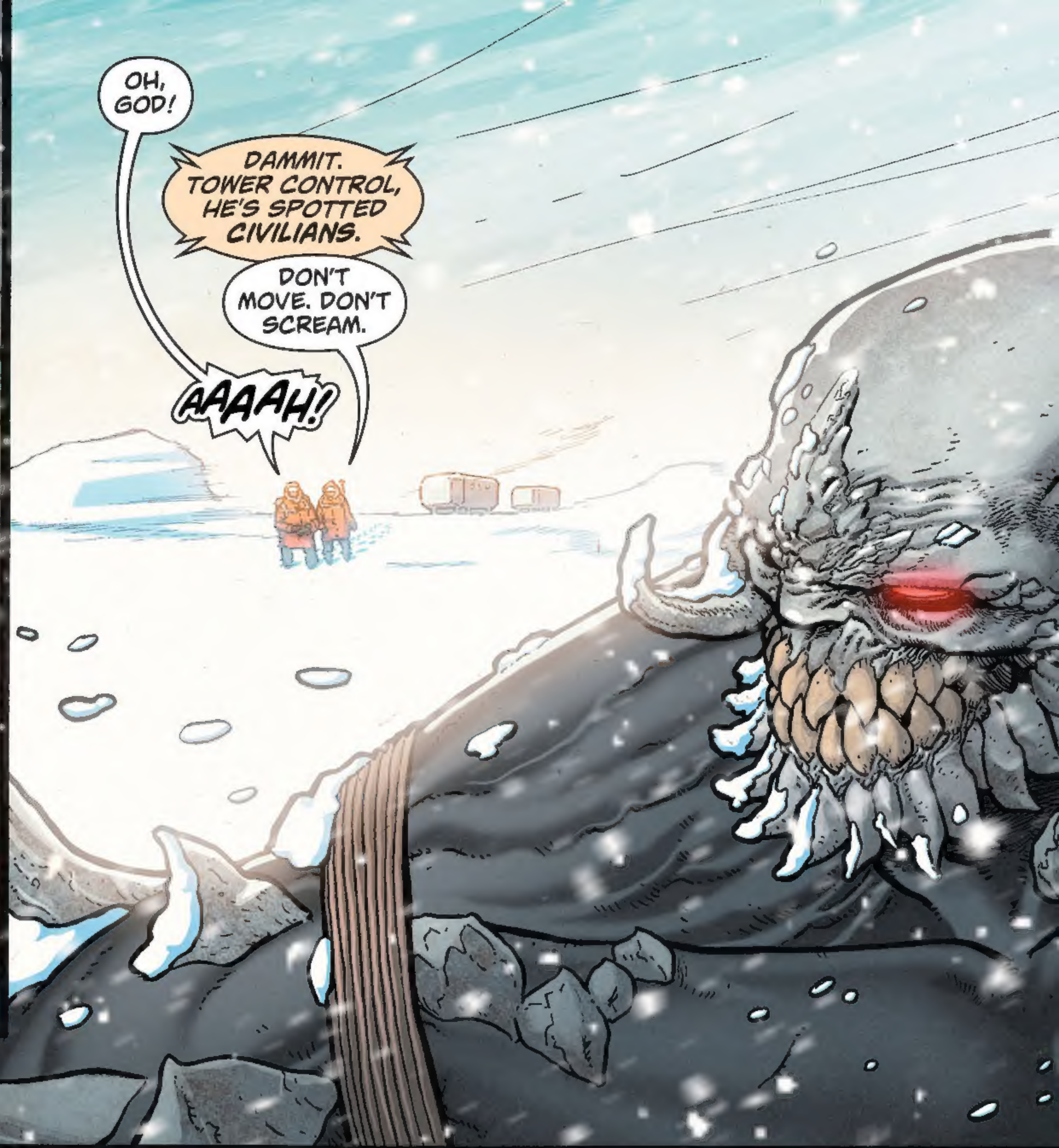
...AND HE  
SEEMS TO BE  
EVERYTHING  
YOU SAID  
HE'D BE.





SHOULD WE TAKE HIM IN?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. JUST TRACK HIM. WHEN THE TIME COMES, WE NEED TO--



OH, GOD!

DAMMIT. TOWER CONTROL, HE'S SPOTTED CIVILIANS.

DON'T MOVE. DON'T SCREAM.

AAAAH!



TOWER CONTROL, DO WE INTERVENE?

STRANGE...

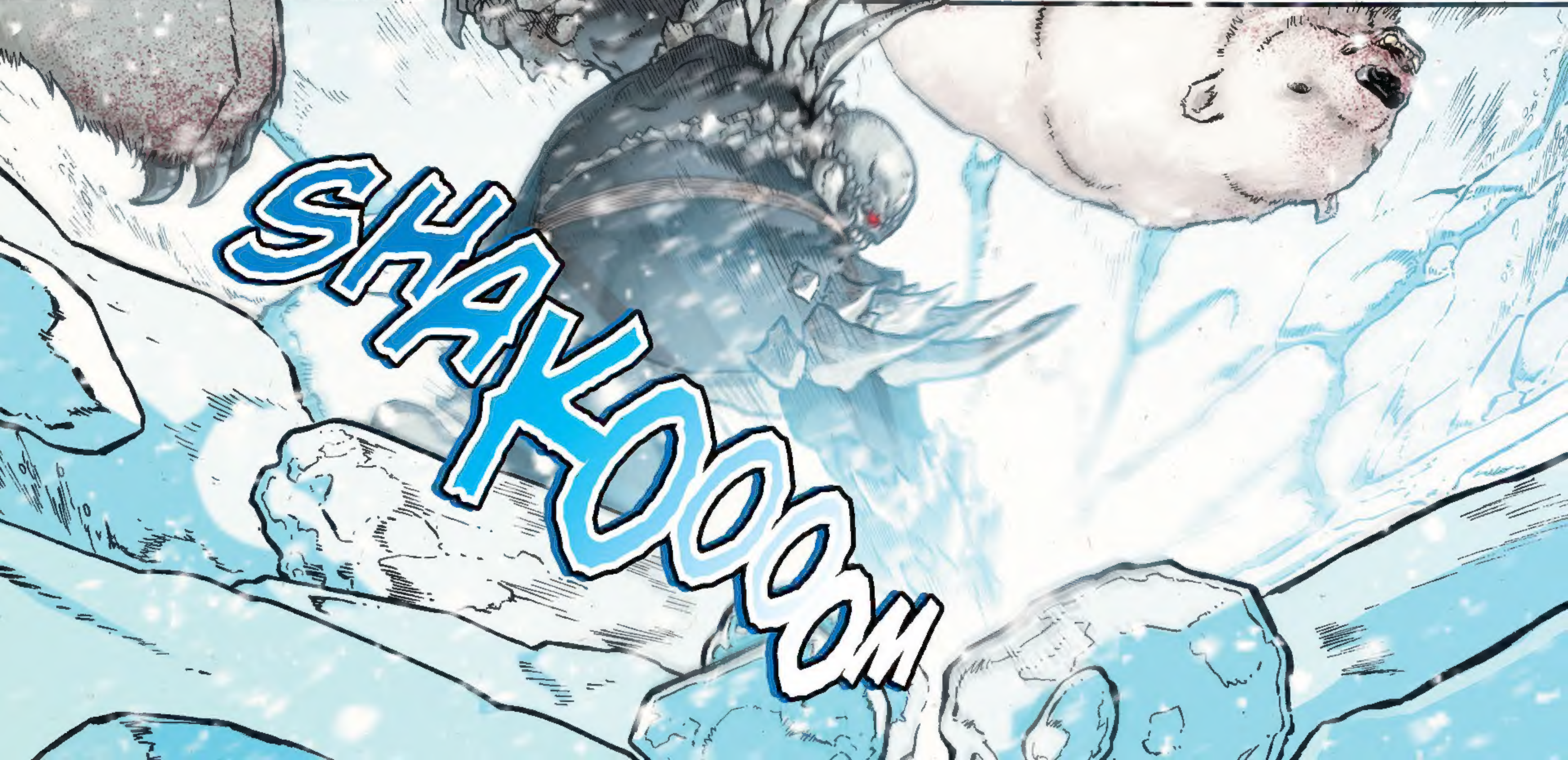
...YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE EVEN HAD ENOUGH TIME TO ASK THAT.



YES... SOMETHING'S WRONG. HE'S...HE'S JUST WALKING AWAY!

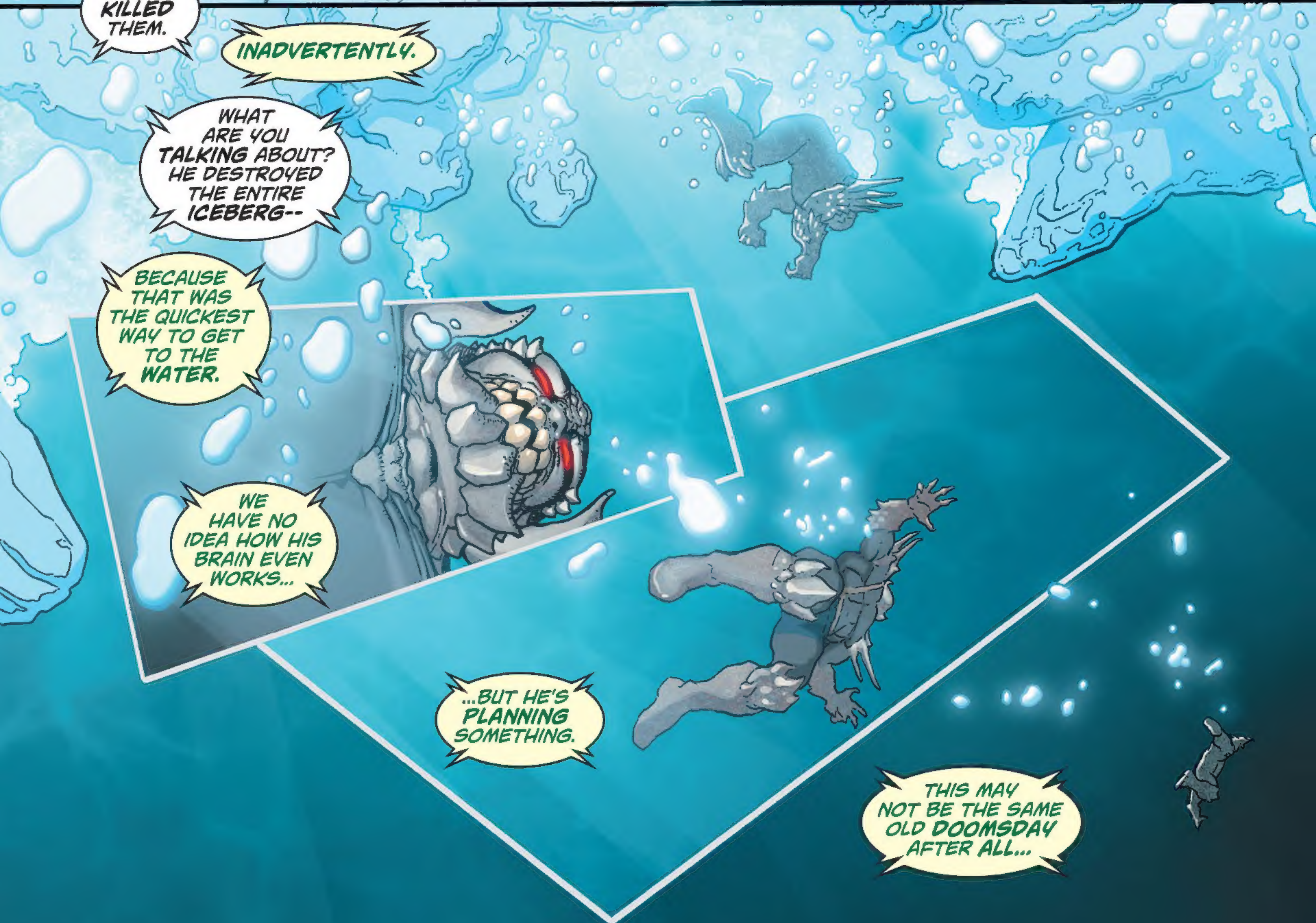
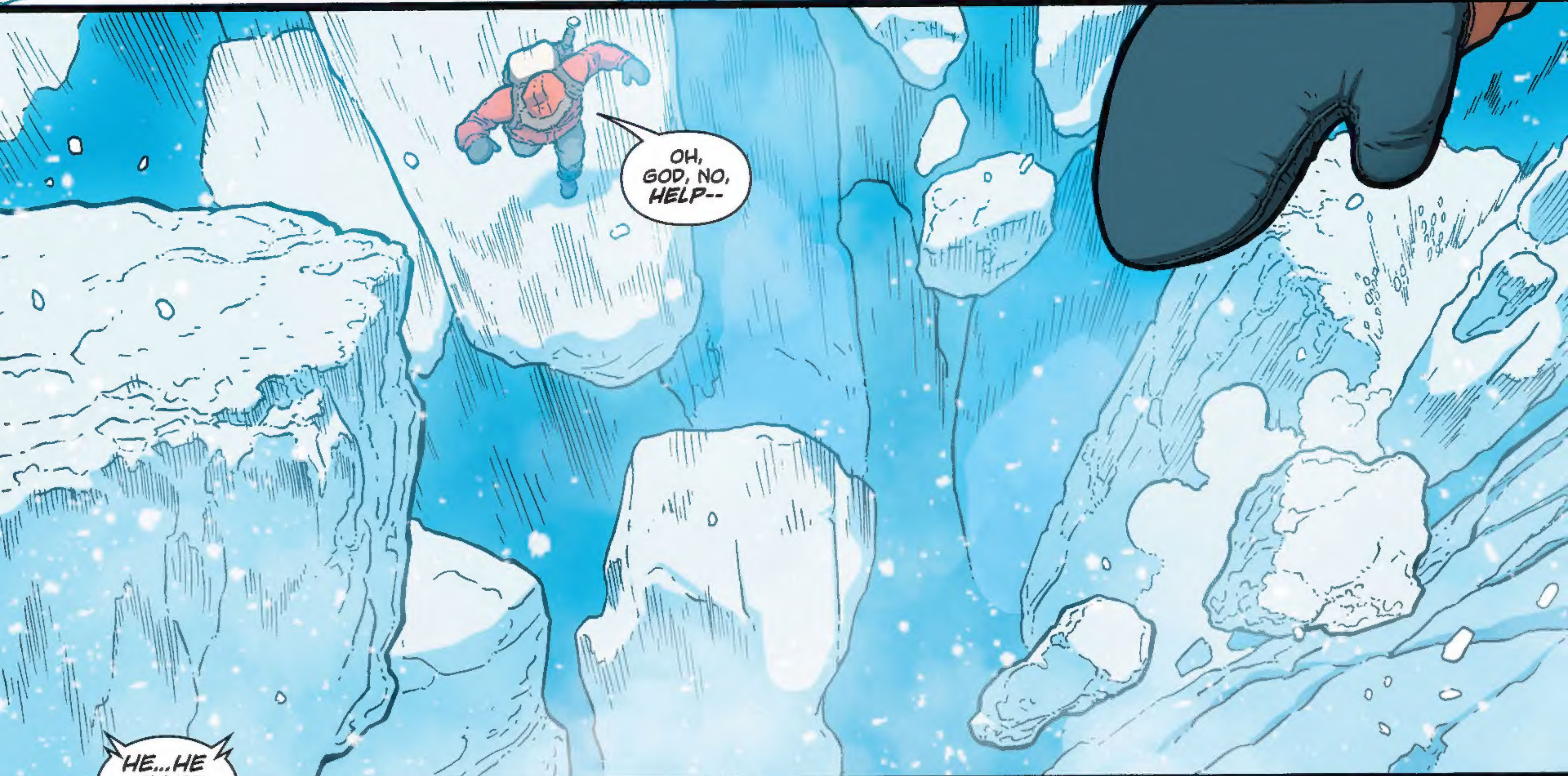
INTERESTING.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



SHAKOON







AGADIR, MOROCCO.

MY FATHER ALWAYS TOLD ME THE STRONGEST PERSON HAS TO BE THE MOST CAREFUL.

BOOOOOOM

WOOO HOOO!

GIBRALTAR.

HE TOLD ME TO COUNT TO TEN...

...AND THEN IF I WAS STILL MAD, START COUNTING AGAIN.

BOOOOOOM

YOW!

EEEEEE!

THE PYRENEES.

I'M UP TO TEN THOUSAND.

KRAKOOOM



AND I'M STILL MAD...



...SO I'M GLAD  
THESE GUYS  
FEEL LIKE  
FIGHTING.

NOT A  
HEARTBEAT  
AMONG THEM.

THEY'RE GHOST  
SOLDIERS, LIKE  
SAWYER HERE.

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SO I CUT  
LOOSE.

THEY SHOULD  
KNOW BETTER  
BY NOW.

ONCE THEY  
BECOME  
TANGIBLE...

...I CAN  
FREEZE  
THEM.



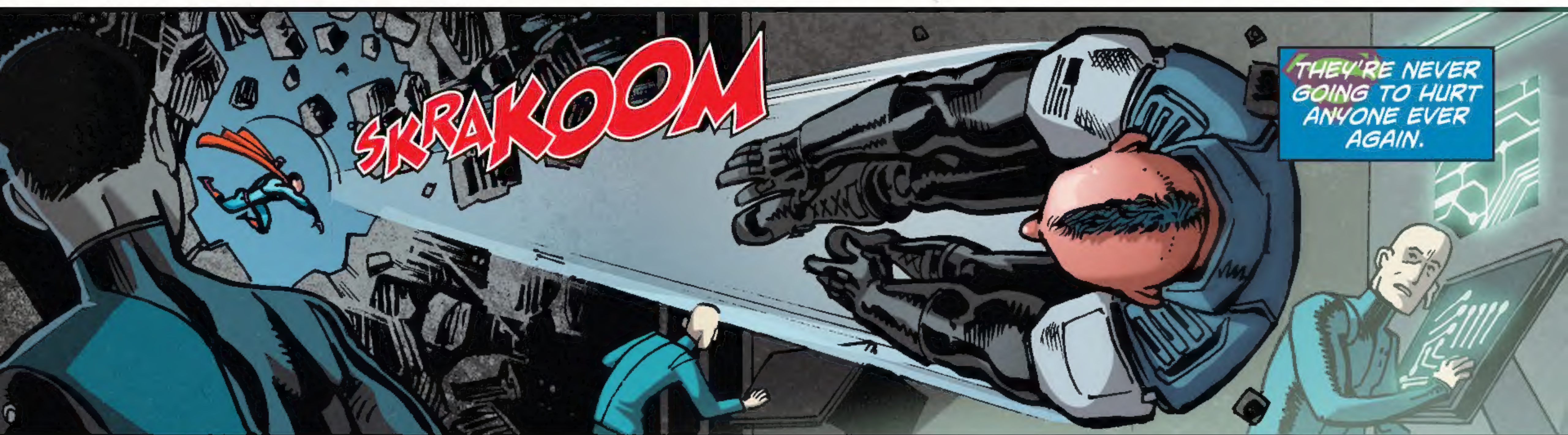
I DUNNO, DAD.  
DOES IT COUNT  
AS PUNCHING  
DOWN...



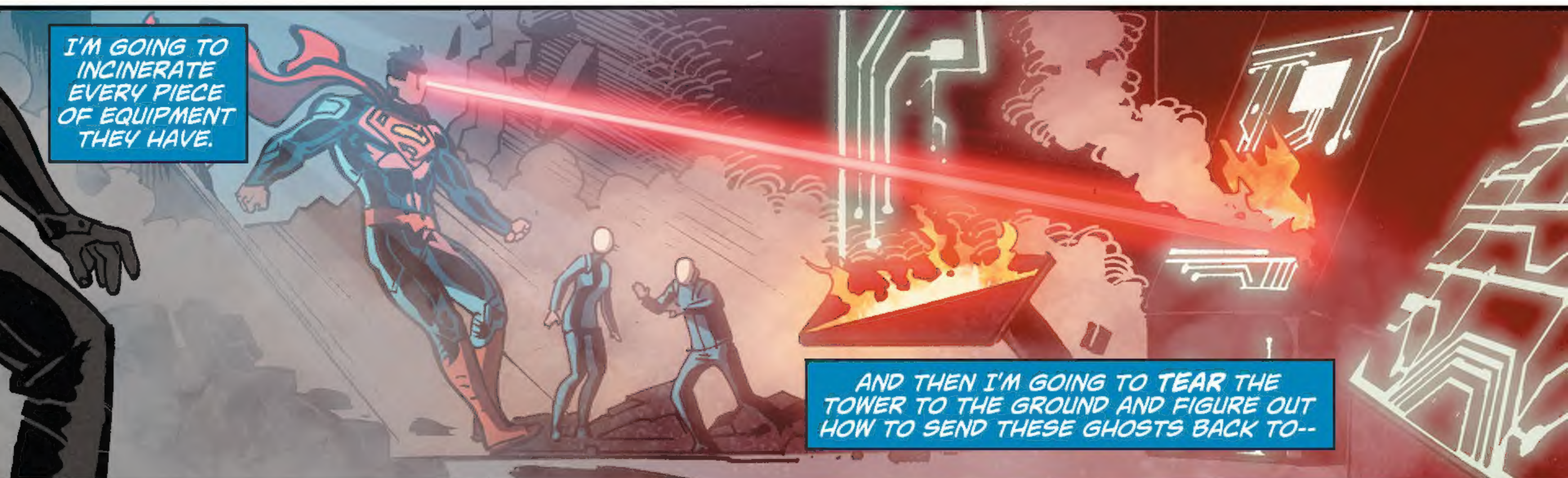
...WHEN  
YOU'RE FIGHTING  
MURDERERS?

TELL  
YOUR BOSS  
IT'S OVER.



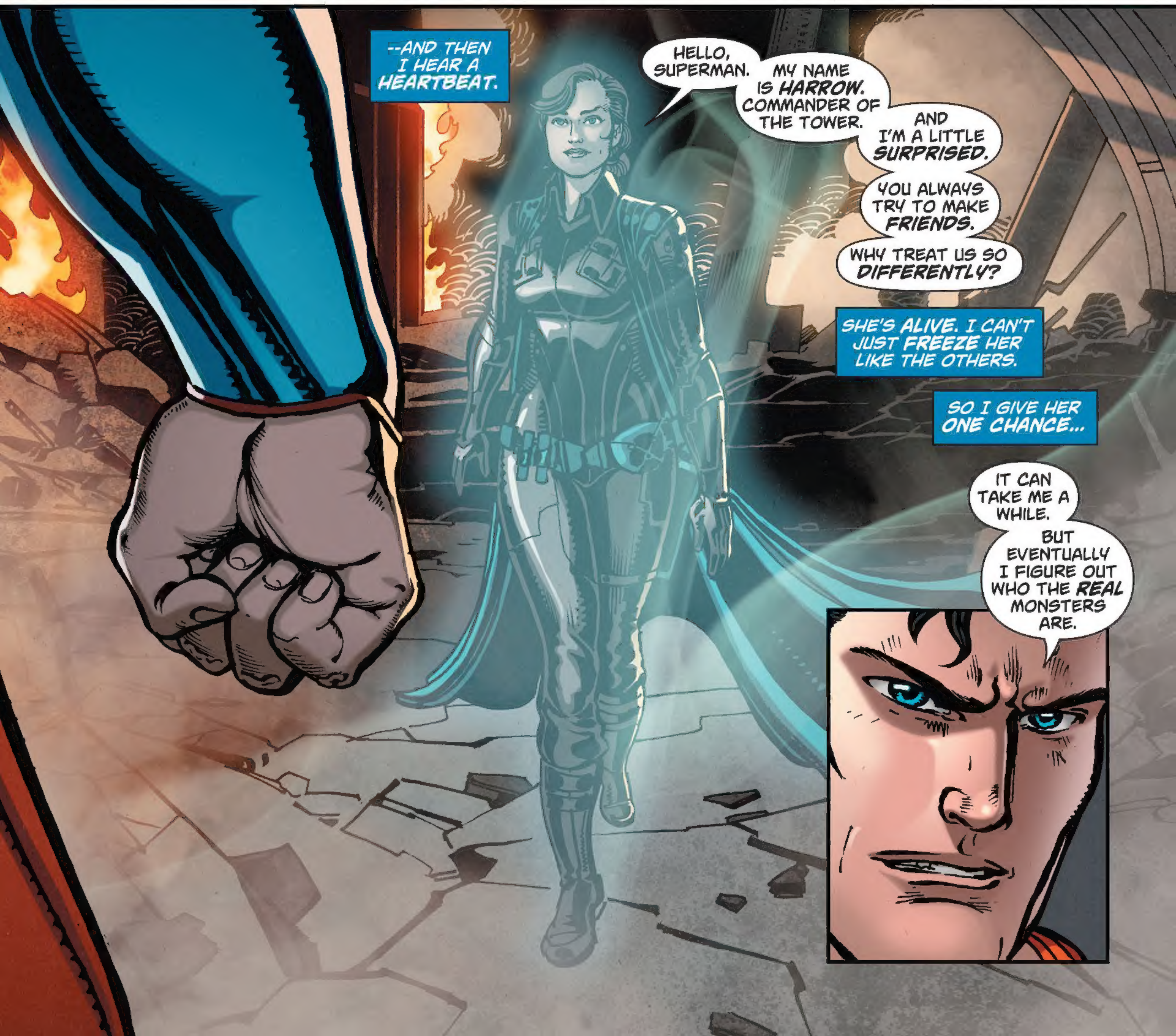


THEY'RE NEVER GOING TO HURT ANYONE EVER AGAIN.



I'M GOING TO INCINERATE EVERY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THEY HAVE.

AND THEN I'M GOING TO TEAR THE TOWER TO THE GROUND AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO SEND THESE GHOSTS BACK TO--



--AND THEN I HEAR A HEARTBEAT.

HELLO, SUPERMAN.

MY NAME IS HARROW. COMMANDER OF THE TOWER.

AND I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED.

YOU ALWAYS TRY TO MAKE FRIENDS.

WHY TREAT US SO DIFFERENTLY?

SHE'S ALIVE. I CAN'T JUST FREEZE HER LIKE THE OTHERS.

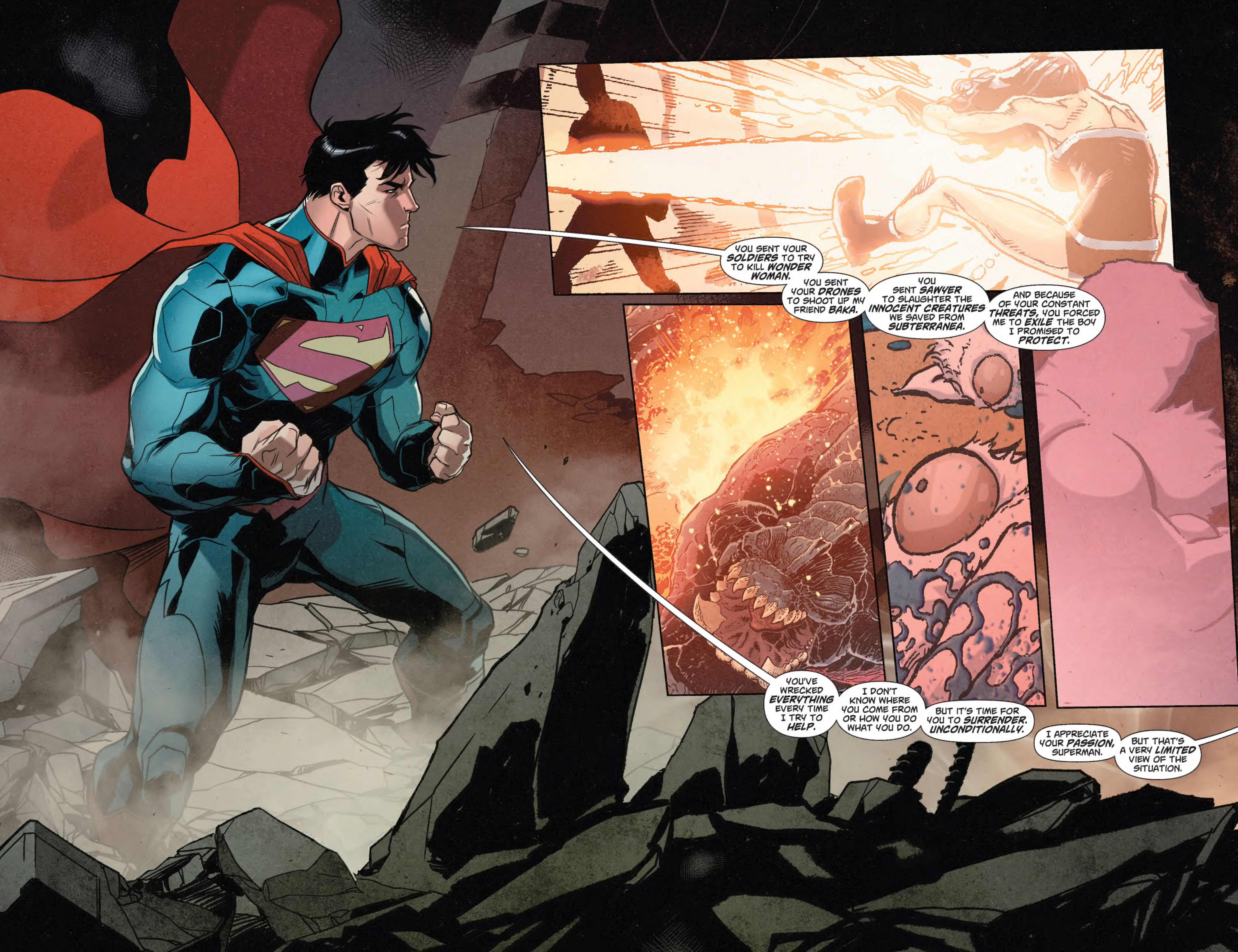
SO I GIVE HER ONE CHANCE...

IT CAN TAKE ME A WHILE.

BUT EVENTUALLY I FIGURE OUT WHO THE REAL MONSTERS ARE.







YOU SENT YOUR  
SOLDIERS TO TRY  
TO KILL WONDER  
WOMAN.

YOU SENT  
YOUR DRONES  
TO SHOOT UP MY  
FRIEND BAKA.

YOU  
SENT SAWYER  
TO SLAUGHTER THE  
INNOCENT CREATURES  
WE SAVED FROM  
SUBTERRANEA.

AND BECAUSE  
OF YOUR CONSTANT  
THREATS, YOU FORCED  
ME TO EXILE THE BOY  
I PROMISED TO  
PROTECT.

YOU'VE  
WRECKED  
EVERYTHING  
EVERY TIME  
I TRY TO  
HELP.

I DON'T  
KNOW WHERE  
YOU COME FROM  
OR HOW YOU DO  
WHAT YOU DO.

BUT IT'S TIME FOR  
YOU TO SURRENDER.  
UNCONDITIONALLY.

I APPRECIATE  
YOUR PASSION,  
SUPERMAN.

BUT THAT'S  
A VERY LIMITED  
VIEW OF THE  
SITUATION.



BEFORE WE  
ATTACKED HER,  
YOU AND WONDER  
WOMAN SET OFF A  
NUCLEAR BLAST  
TO DEFEAT AN  
ENEMY...

...AN  
ENEMY THAT  
ONLY CAME TO  
THIS PLANET IN  
THE FIRST PLACE  
TO FIGHT  
YOU.

YOU CALMED  
DOWN THE BAKA  
MONSTER.

BUT THEN  
THE TWO OF  
YOU STARTED A  
WAR WITH AN  
UNDERGROUND  
EMPIRE.

THE  
"INNOCENT  
CREATURES" THAT  
SAWYER TOOK OUT  
HAD TURNED INTO  
KILLERS WHEN  
EXPOSED TO  
SUNLIGHT.

YOU  
THOUGHT  
YOU COULD  
REDEEM  
THEM.

BUT TIME AND  
TIME AGAIN YOU  
ENDANGER THE  
WORLD.

YOU'RE TOO  
POWERFUL--  
AND TOO WEAK  
AT THE SAME  
TIME.

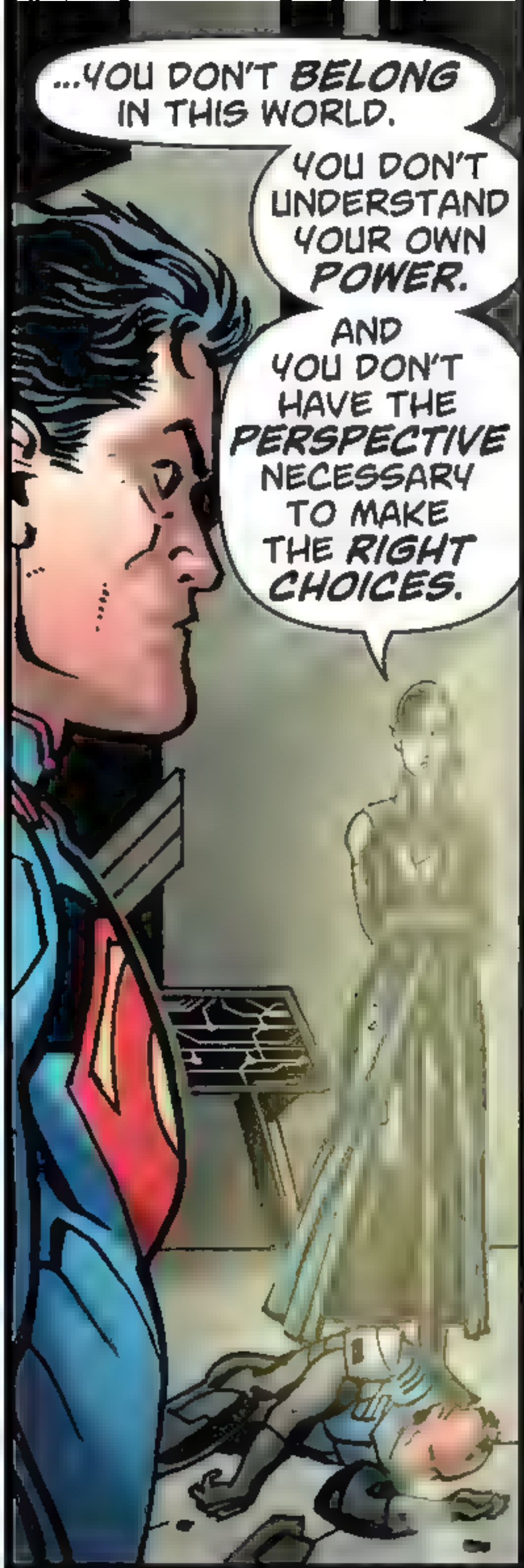
YOU'VE  
BEEN MIND-  
CONTROLLED  
BEFORE.

YOU KILLED  
DR. LIGHT.  
NEXT TIME, YOU  
COULD KILL  
MILLIONS.

IT'S SIMPLE,  
SUPERMAN...



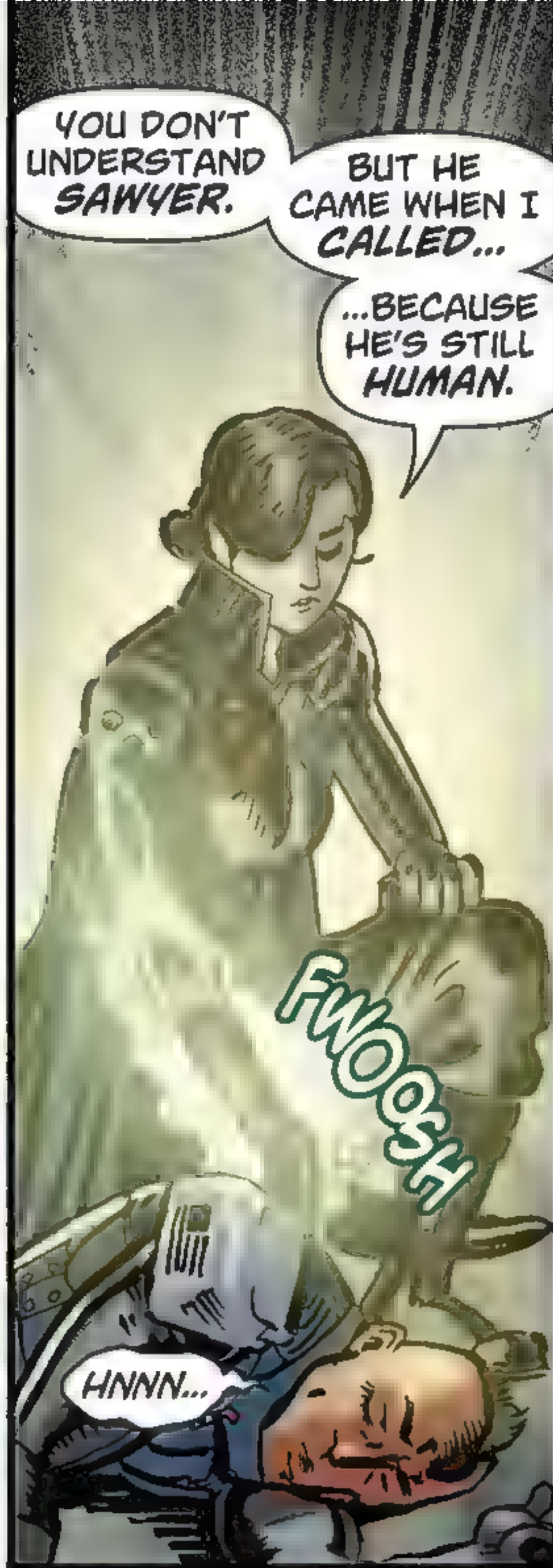




...YOU DON'T BELONG  
IN THIS WORLD.

YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
YOUR OWN  
POWER.

AND  
YOU DON'T  
HAVE THE  
PERSPECTIVE  
NECESSARY  
TO MAKE  
THE RIGHT  
CHOICES.



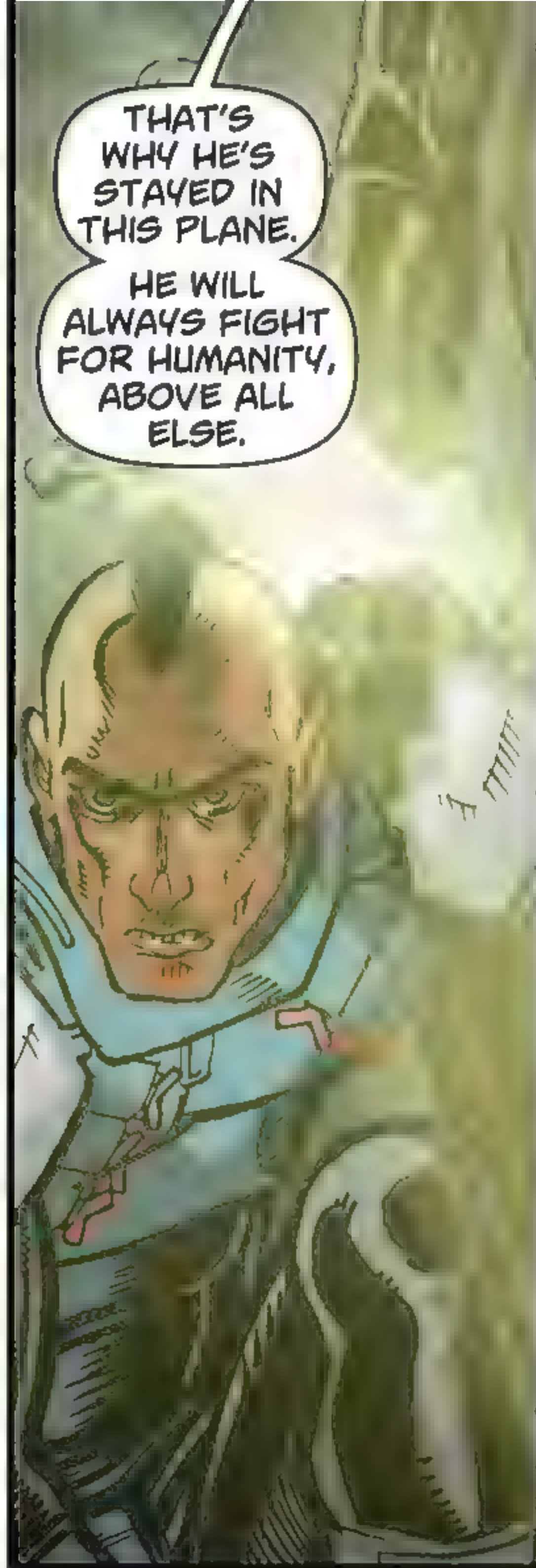
YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
SAWYER.

BUT HE  
CAME WHEN I  
CALLED...

...BECAUSE  
HE'S STILL  
HUMAN.

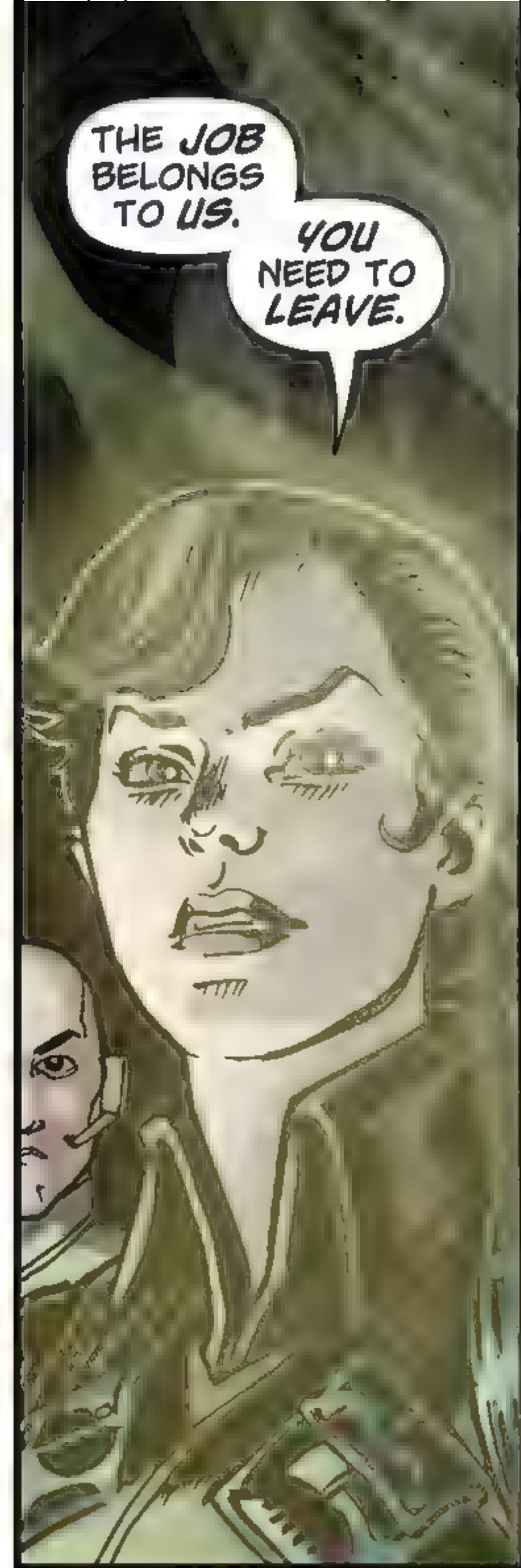
FWOOSH

HNNN...



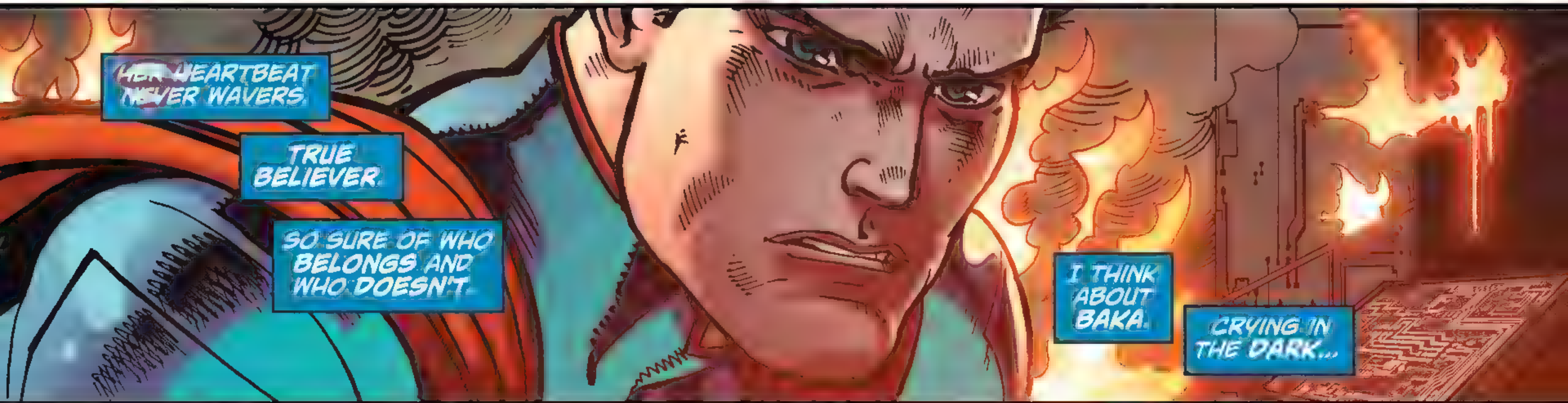
THAT'S  
WHY HE'S  
STAYED IN  
THIS PLANE.

HE WILL  
ALWAYS FIGHT  
FOR HUMANITY,  
ABOVE ALL  
ELSE.



THE JOB  
BELONGS  
TO US.

YOU  
NEED TO  
LEAVE.



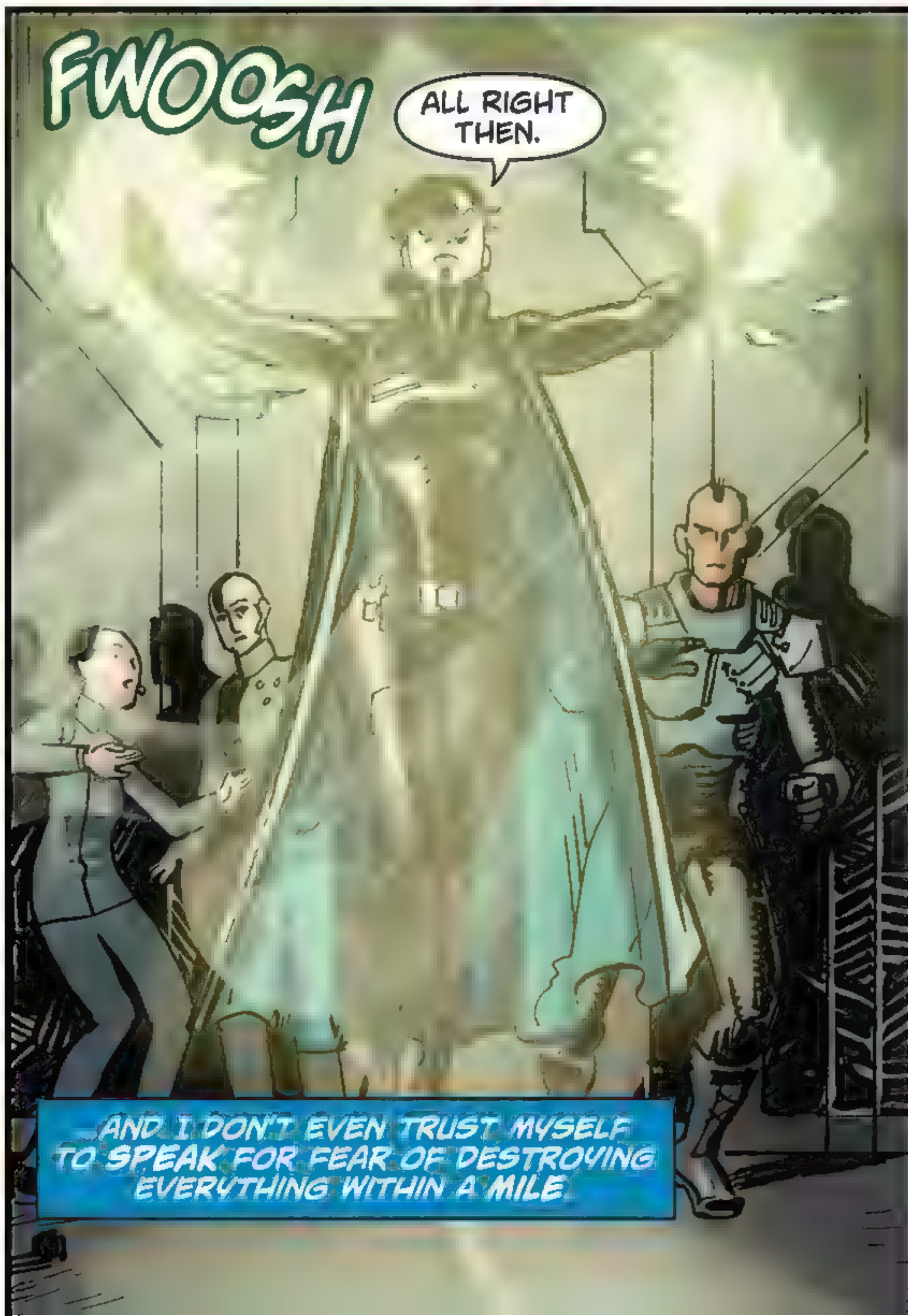
HER HEARTBEAT  
NEVER WAVES

TRUE  
BELIEVER.

SO SURE OF WHO  
BELONGS AND  
WHO DOESN'T.

I THINK  
ABOUT  
BAKA.

CRYING IN  
THE DARK...



FWOOSH

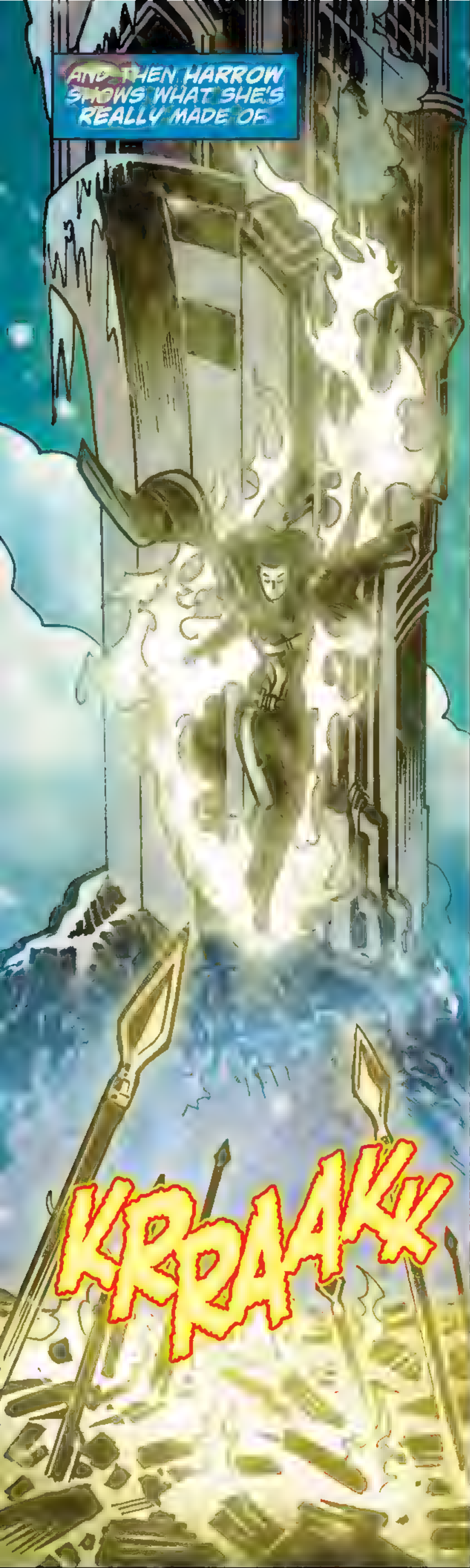
ALL RIGHT  
THEN.

AND I DON'T EVEN TRUST MYSELF  
TO SPEAK FOR FEAR OF DESTROYING  
EVERYTHING WITHIN A MILE.



YOU  
HAD YOUR  
CHANCE.





AND THEN HARROW  
SHOWS WHAT SHE'S  
REALLY MADE OF

KRRAAKK



NNOOOOOO!

HUNDREDS  
OF VOICES,  
SCREAMING OVER  
THOUSANDS  
OF YEARS

THE DEAD FROM  
COUNTLESS  
WARS, DRAGGED  
HOWLING FROM  
THEIR GRAVES



IF YOU  
REALLY WANT  
TO HELP  
PEOPLE...

...LISTEN TO  
THEM--THEY  
DON'T WANT  
THIS!



YOU  
THINK  
ANY OF  
US DO?

LOOK  
WHAT IT  
DOES TO ME,  
SUPERMAN.

BUT IF  
YOU CAN'T LEAVE  
THIS WORLD  
ALONE...



...THE  
DEAD WILL  
PROTECT  
THEIR  
OWN!







GHOSTS

THEY'RE  
JUST MORE  
GHOSTS



...BUT THEY'RE  
STRONGER THAN  
THE OTHERS



THEIR TOUCH  
BURNS

I CAN FEEL  
THEIR ANGER



EVERY BULLET  
EVERY SPEAR



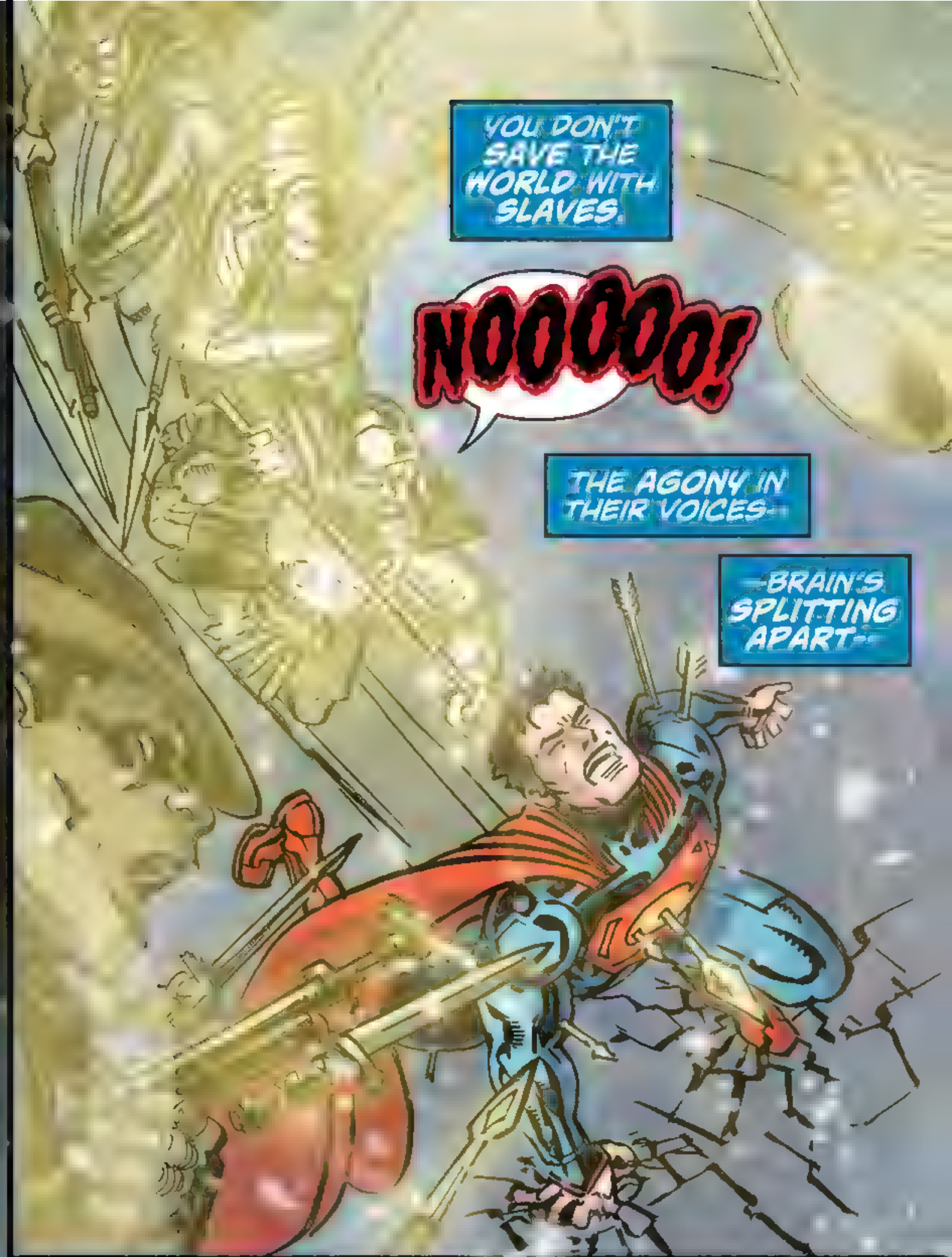
...RUNNING ME  
THROUGH WITH  
PURE HATE.

THESE  
ARE YOUR  
CHAMPIONS  
HARROW?





NO



YOU DON'T  
SAVE THE  
WORLD WITH  
SLAVES.

NOOOOO!

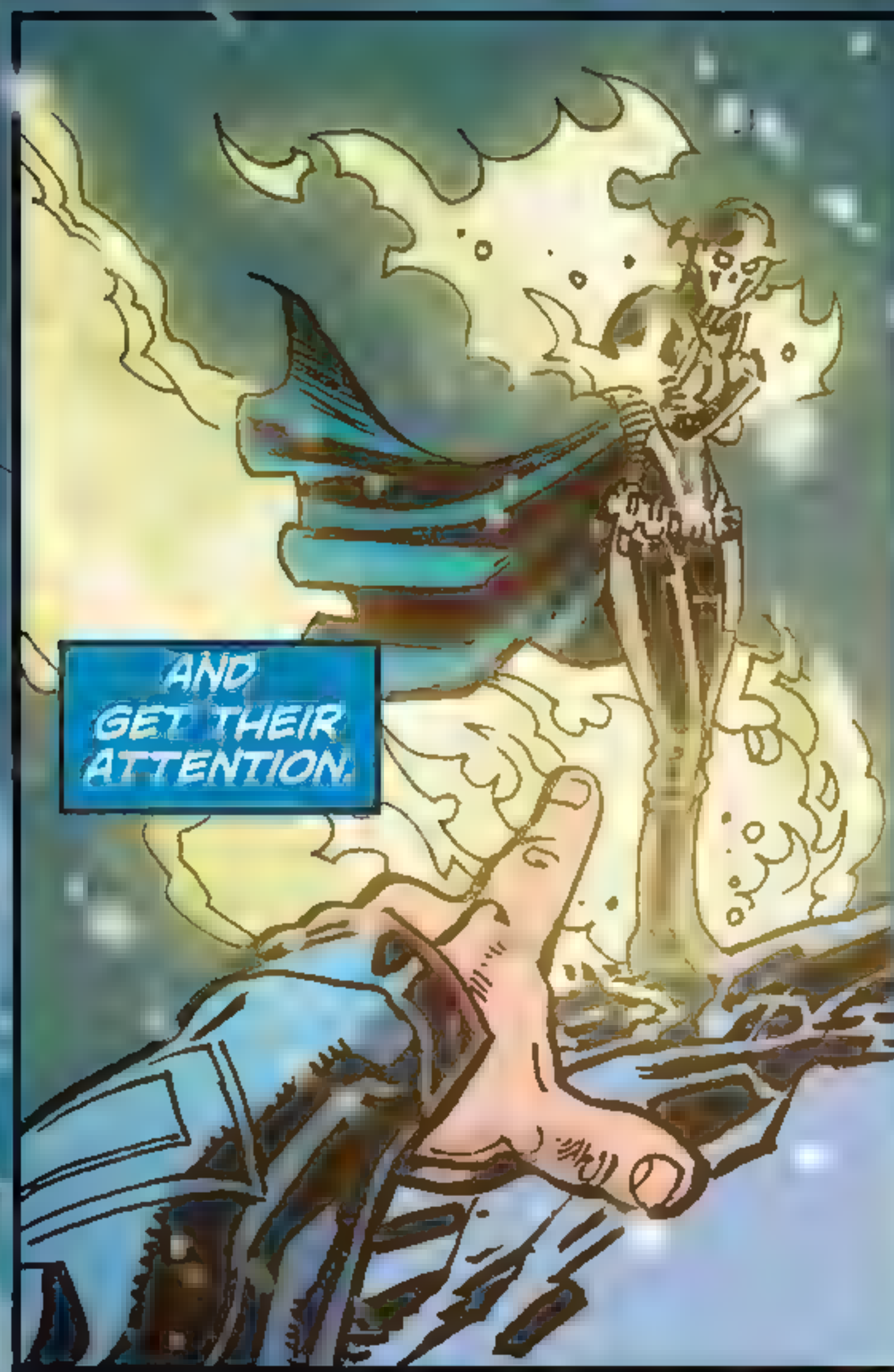
THE AGONY IN  
THEIR VOICES--

BRAIN'S  
SPLITTING  
APART--



STOP  
FIGHTING.

LET THEM  
STAB.



AND  
GET THEIR  
ATTENTION.



NOW THEY  
KNOW.



THEY KNOW  
THEIR ENEMY.

GRRRAAAAAA!

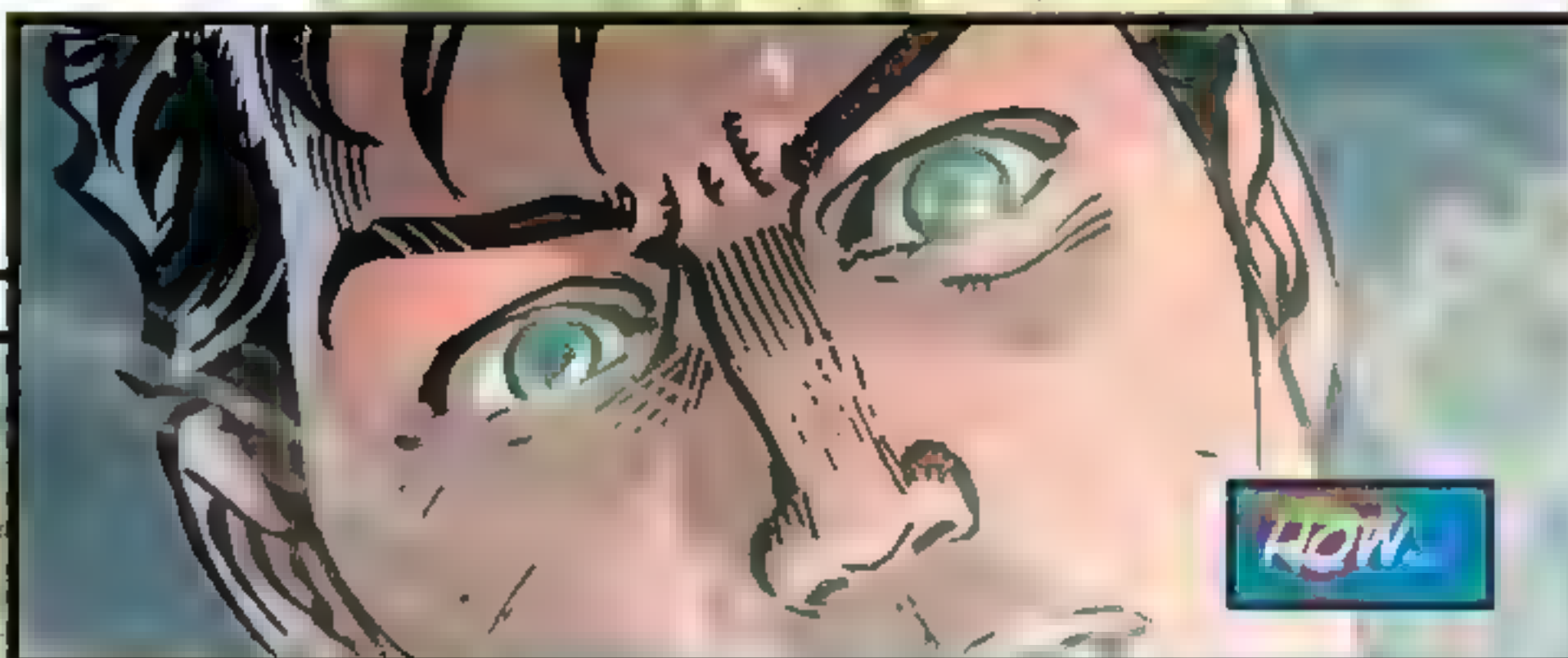
MY  
BEAUTIFUL  
DEAD...



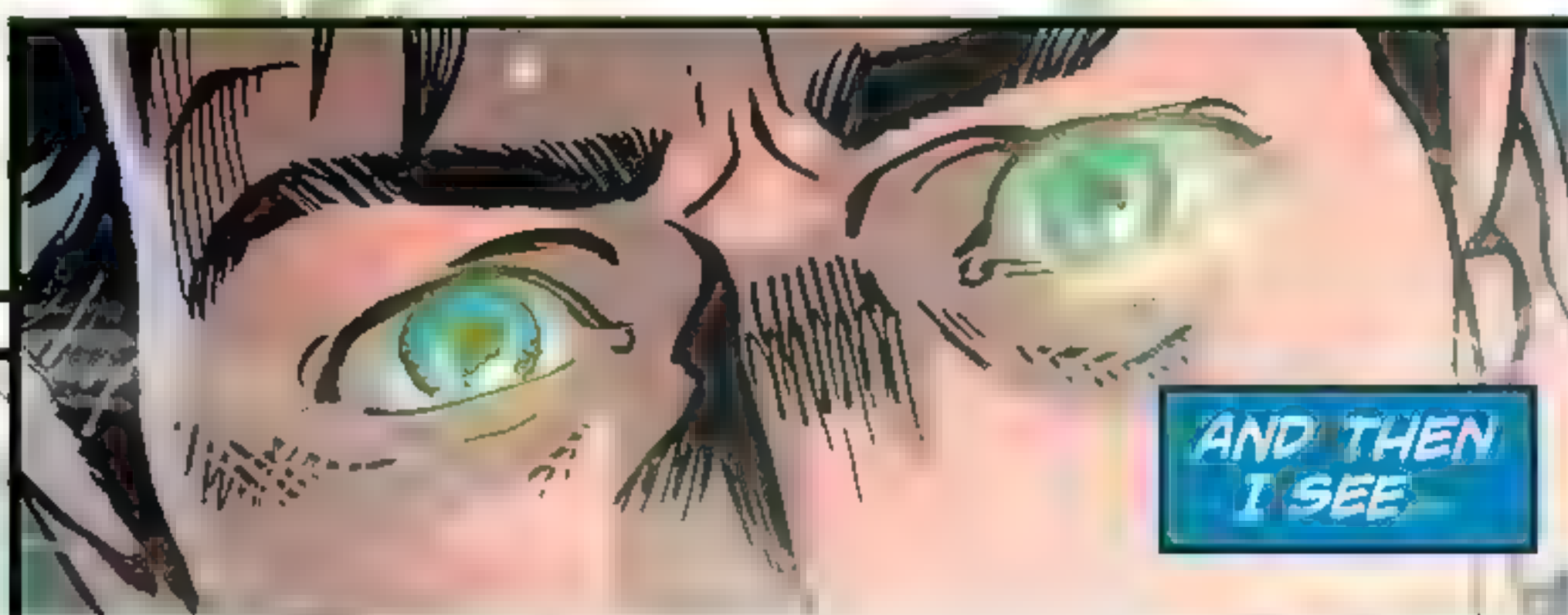
AAAAAAA!

FWOOOSH

...FORGIVE  
ME.



HOW CAN  
SHE KILL  
THE DEAD?



SHE JUST  
RELEASED  
THEM.





HARROW...

CONGRATULATIONS,  
SUPERMAN.

YOU  
WIN.



MOSTLY  
I RECRUIT  
THE *WILLING*  
DEAD.

THIS... WAS  
*DIFFERENT*.

TOOK  
ALL I HAD.

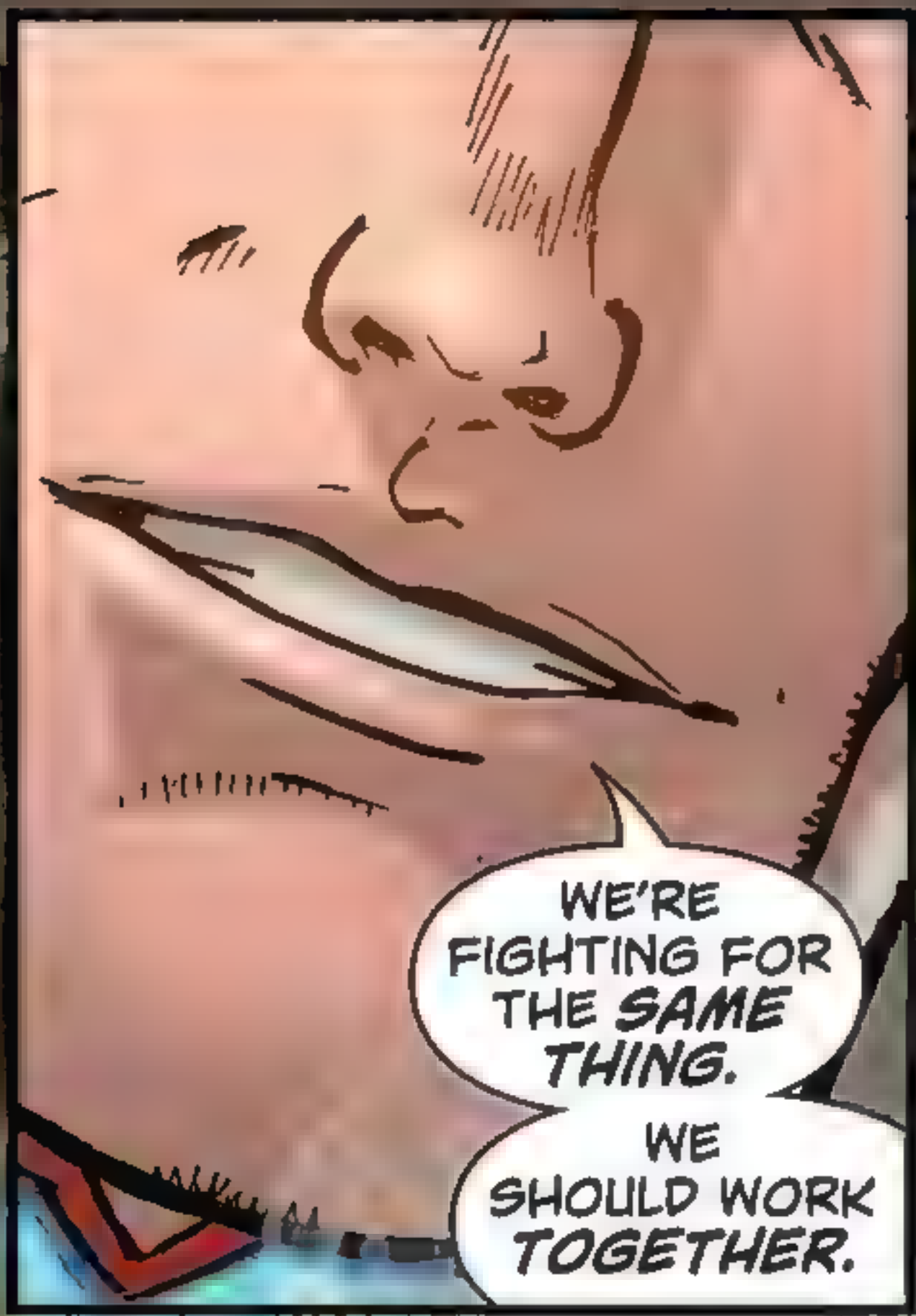


SO GO  
AHEAD.  
ONE  
LITTLE *PUFF*  
FROM YOU AND  
I'LL VANISH  
LIKE A BAD  
DREAM.



COUNT  
TO TEN.





WE'RE  
FIGHTING FOR  
THE **SAME**  
THING.  
WE  
SHOULD WORK  
TOGETHER.

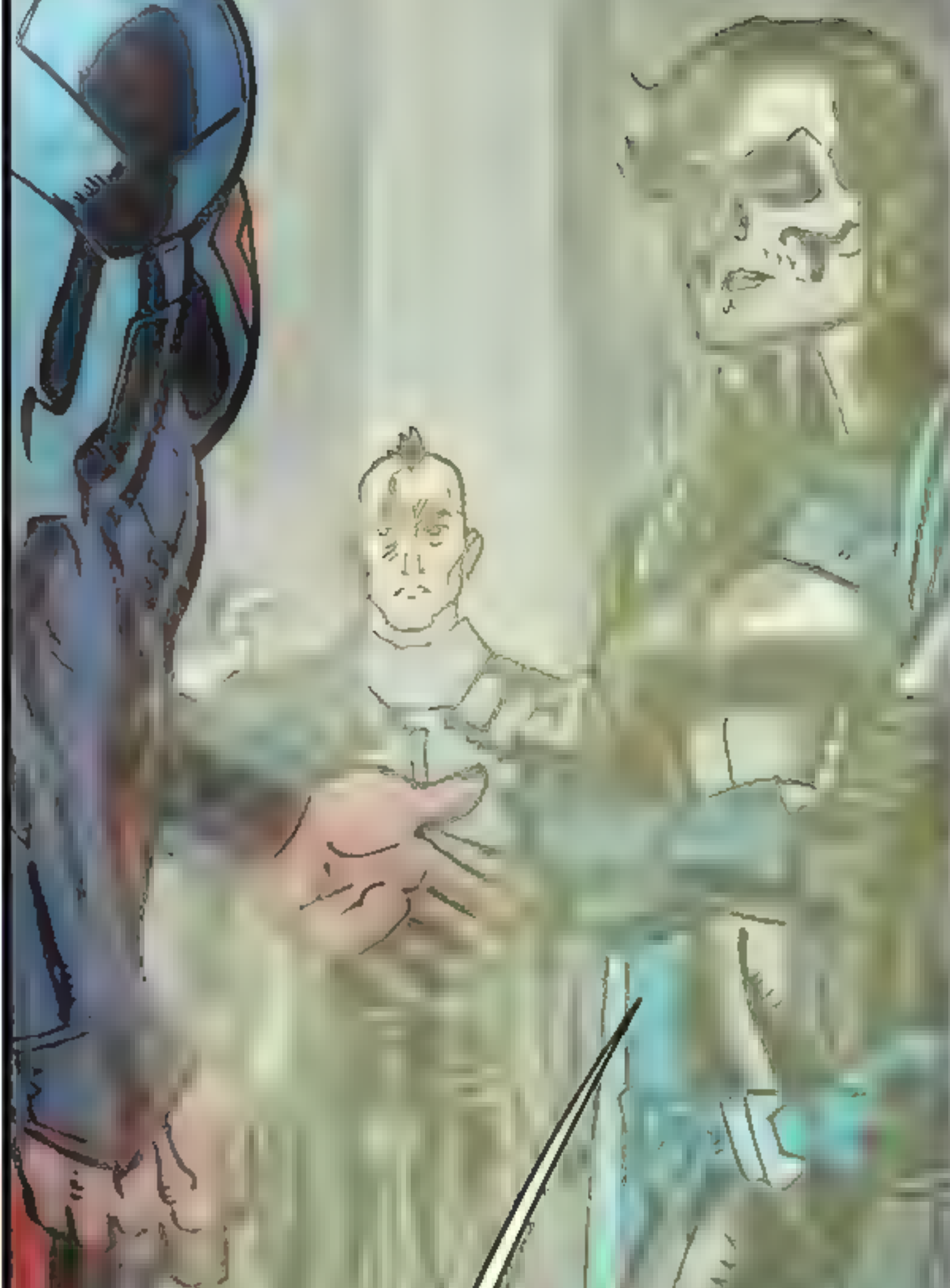


WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT?

YOU JUST  
**PROVED** EVERY  
POINT I'VE BEEN  
TRYING TO  
MAKE.

I RAISE  
THE DEAD.

WHAT  
MORE TERRIBLE  
THREAT CAN YOU  
IMAGINE?



INCREDIBLE.

AND YOU  
COULD HAVE  
**DEFEATED**  
ME.

BUT YOU  
**PULLED** YOUR  
PUNCH.



YOU DON'T  
KNOW HOW TO  
MAKE THE HARD  
DECISIONS.

AND YOU WILL  
**DESTROY** THE  
WORLD YOU'RE SO  
DESPERATELY  
TRYING TO  
SAVE.






"NEXT TIME,  
SUPERMAN, WE  
WILL KILL YOU..."

"...AND THEN  
YOU CAN JOIN  
US, IF YOU'RE  
STILL WILLING."





THE MARIANA TRENCH



TOWER  
CONTROL, I  
HAVE UNIT 9D  
IN POSITION.  
STANDING BY  
FOR YOUR  
ORDERS.

COPY  
THAT, TOWER  
THREE.



THE  
BLUEBIRD  
IS... TOO  
STRONG.



WE NEED  
SOMETHING  
STRONGER.



IT'S  
TIME TO WAKE  
DOOMSDAY...





...OR  
WHATEVER  
DOOMSDAY HAS  
BECOME.

TO BE  
CONTINUED IN  
**SUPERMAN  
WONDER  
WOMAN #7**

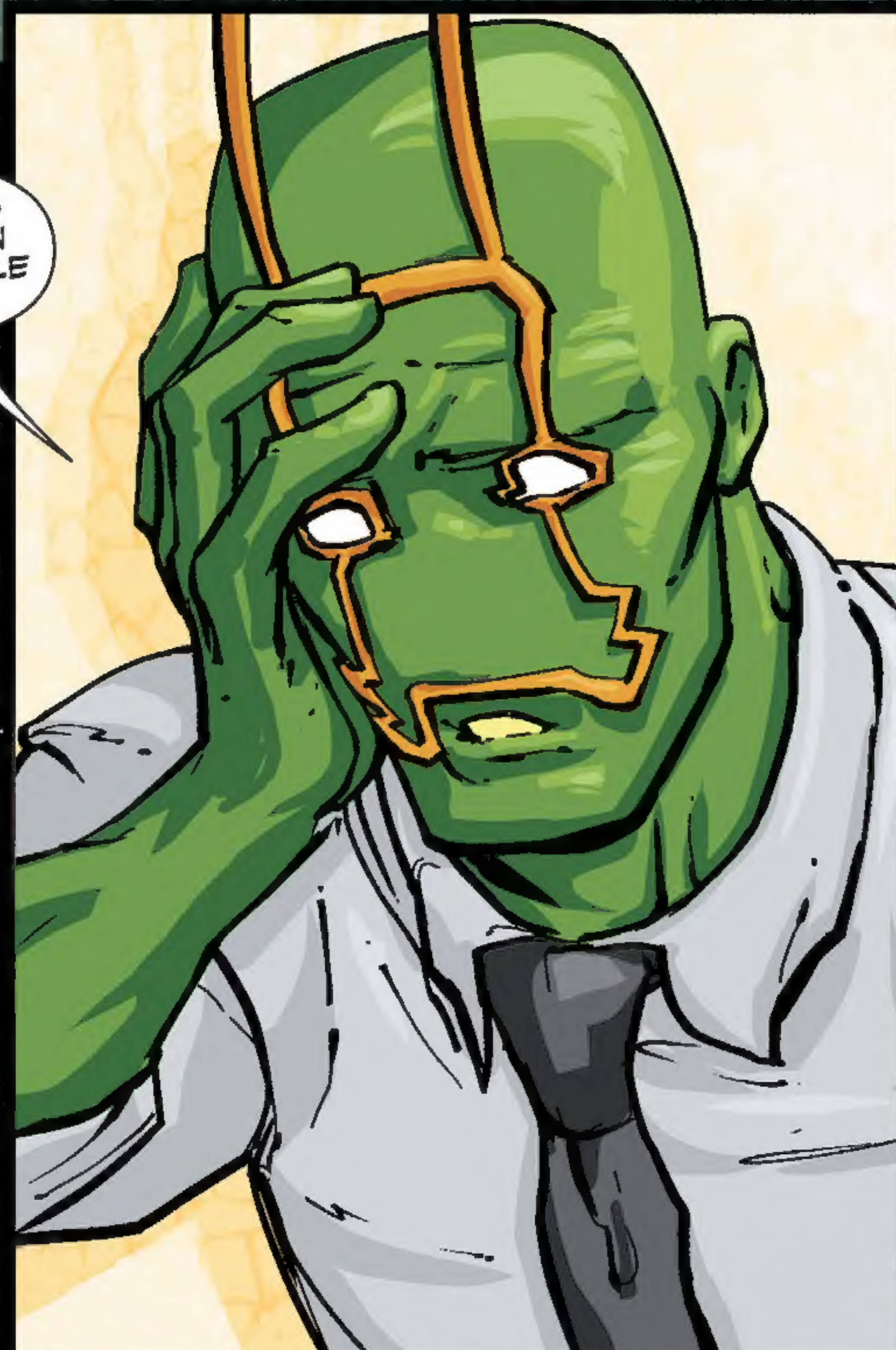


CHANNEL 52  
REPORTING LIVE:  
THERE HAS BEEN A  
TERRIBLE ACCIDENT  
IN GOTHAM CITY!

SECURITY CAMERAS  
CAUGHT THE DESTRUCTION  
OF A SUBWAY TRAIN IN THE  
WAKE OF REPORTS THAT  
BATMAN AND THE G.C.P.D.  
HAD BEEN BATTLING  
PROFESSOR PYG.

CASUALTIES HAVE  
BEEN CONFIRMED AND,  
IN SHOCKING NEWS, WE'RE  
HEARING COMMISSIONER  
GORDON HAS BEEN  
ARRESTED IN CONNECTION  
WITH THESE EVENTS!

MORE NEWS  
TO COME ON  
THIS HORRIBLE  
TRAGEDY...



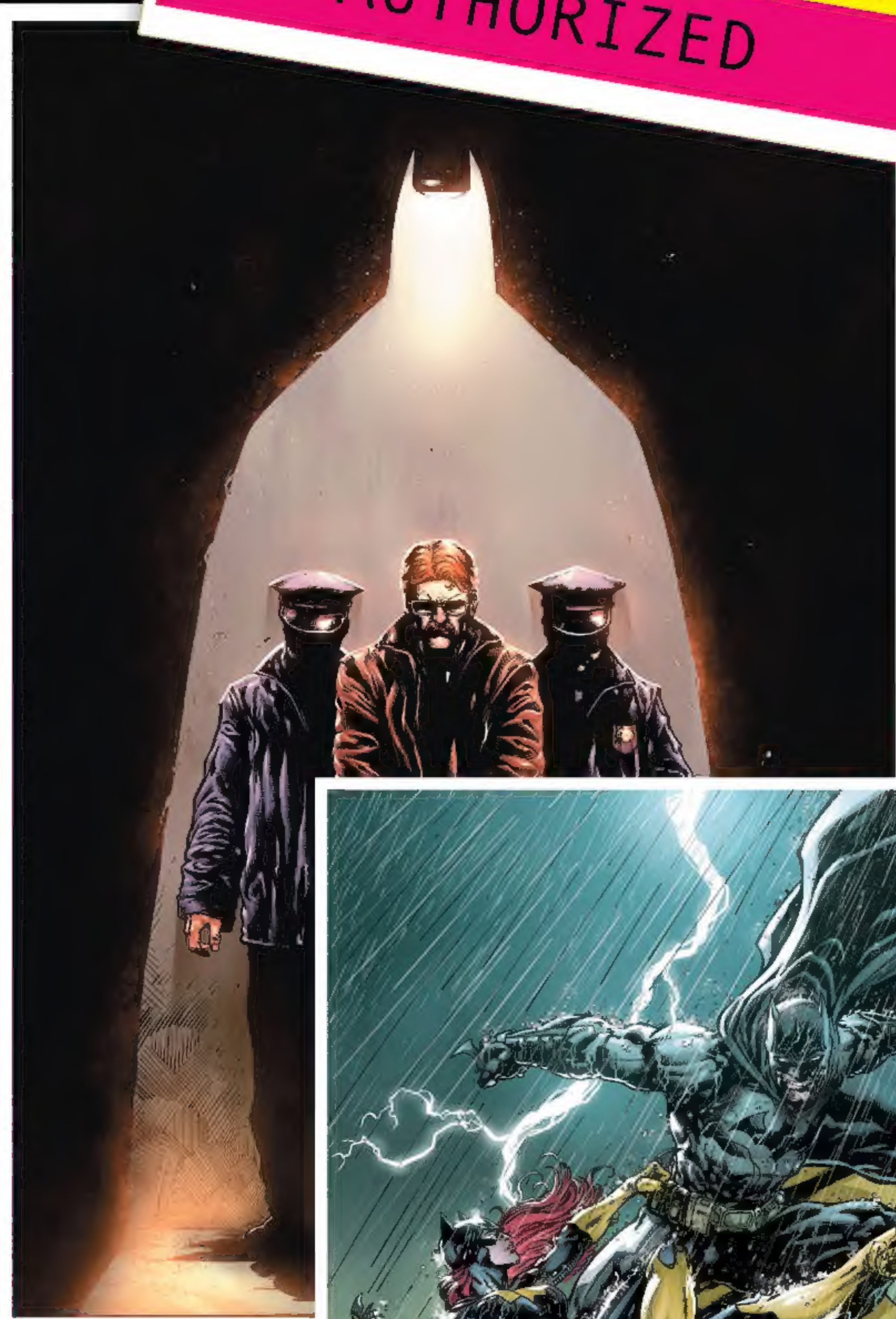


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So tune in to Batman Eternal and check back here for more news and updates as the weeks go by!



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